EXCISE.

(*No. 160.*)

SUBJECT No. 160.

Prevention of drinking.

Messrs. Katte Channakesviah and Sankarappa, Tirthahalli Taluk.
Mr. A. Anantiah, Nagar Sabha.

Summary of discussion.—(1) It is prayed that drinking may be prohibited.

Drinking being stated by doctors to be deleterious to health and the Koran and the Hindu Shastras also prohibiting drinking, Government may revise their Excise policy so that in the course of 25 years there should be no Excise shop in the State. The loss of revenue to the State should not, it is prayed, come in the way of the good intentions of Government.

Mr. Ananthaiya.—Every year 2 per cent of the shops should be closed. Government should so order, so that all toddy shops will cease to exist in a hundred years the most.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

FOREST.

(*No. 161.*)

SUBJECT No. 161.

Forest grievances.

Messrs. Katte Channakesviah and Sankarappa Gowda, Tirthahalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The following redress of forest gievances may be granted :—

(1) District Forests should not be included in State Forests.

(2) Sufficient soppinabetta and gomal lands may be allotted to wet and garden lands that are newly formed.

(3) The soppinabetta and gomal lands that are now allotted to wet and garden lands are not such as to provide sufficient pasture and leaves. So, better lands may be allotted.

(4) Free access may be given to raiyats to bring the required wood for agricultural implements from forests.

(5) The malnad raiyats may be allowed to bring two-cart loads of timber for the constructions of cattle sheds, etc., on licenses issued by patels.

(6) Permission may be granted to bring from forests for purposes of cultivation, rope, vate, cane, soap-nuts, herbs, etc.

(7) Raiyats holding lands in different villages, may be allowed to bring timber for construction of houses from forests attached to the different villages.

Reply of Government.—Last Dasara, the Dewan said that all the privileges, rules, etc., should be printed in Kannada. This has been done. So far as District Forests in the malnad are concerned, it has been suggested that an experiment may be made to give more powers to Deputy Commissioners. That order has issued. If after reading the hand-book of privileges, rules, etc., the members have

any grievances and make out a case, Government will appoint a Committee to investigate forest grievances.

PROTECTION (LEGISLATION.)

(Nos. 162 to 164.)

SUBJECT No. 162.

Amendment of the Municipal Regulation.

Messrs. B. Narasinga Rao and V. Rangaswami Iyengar, Seringapatam Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Municipal Regulation and the Rules issued thereunder may be amended so as to disqualify persons in arrear of Municipal tax from voting or standing as candidates at Municipal elections.

Mr. B. Narasinga Rao.—There are many who have not paid their Municipal tax for 12 years and more. Such persons should not be allowed to vote until they have cleared their dues.

Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao.—Persons who want to be elected would then go to those who are in arrears and pay their dues for them. This should not be allowed.

Reply of Government.—The suggestion is noted for consideration when the amendment of the Regulation comes up.

SUBJECT No. 163.

Regulation for the consolidation of estates.

Mr. K. Ramanuja Iyengar, Gubbi Taluk.

Mr. K. Ramanuja Iyengar.—The system of consolidation of estates obtaining in Japan may be introduced here by legislation and given effect to in some villages in every taluk.

Reply of Government.—The Agricultural Committee of the Economic Conference is considering this question.

SUBJECT No. 164.

Amendment of Order 21, Rule 57 of the Civil Procedure Code.

Mr. A. Narayana Iyengar, Hassan Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Order 21, Rule 57 of the Civil Procedure Code, may be amended by expunging the words "Upon the dismissal of such application the attachment shall cease" in the interest of decree-holders who are often obliged to grant time to judgment-debtors to pay up decreed amounts and delay taking out processes, as the present rule in such cases gives room to unscrupulous judgment-debtors to encumber or alienate the previously attached property.

Reply of Government.—The matter was considered in December and decided after consulting the Chief Court. It cannot be re-opened now.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION.

(Nos. 165 to 166.)

SUBJECT No. 165.

Opening of Indian and Unani Vaidyasalas in rural parts.

(1) Mr. K. Ramanuja Iyengar, Gubbi Taluk.

(2) Messrs. B. Anantarajappa and Anantalakshmiaranappa, Tumkur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Indian and Unani Vaidyasalas may be established on an extensive scale at Government cost.

(2) The contribution from Local Funds for education may be stopped and the same utilized for opening Indian and Unani Vaidyasalas, the cost of education being met from income-tax supplemented by general revenues.